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SUMMARY: THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELEC-
TRONICS EQUIPMENT (TSGCEE) MET IN BRUSSELS ON 28-29 JUN
77. ALL NATIONS EXCEPT LUXEMBOURG AND ICELAND WERE REPRE-
SENTED. THE TSGCEE ACCEPTED THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR),
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RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON THE POSITION OF THE TSGCEE IN THE
NATO COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, POSTPONED THE ELECTION OF A
CHAIRMAN UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING, REVIEWED THE TOR'S AND
ACTIVITIES OF BODIES TRANSFERRED TO THE TSGCEE AND AGREED
THAT THESE GROUPS SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR CURRENT WORK WITH-
OUT INTERRUPTION. THE TSGCEE ESTABLISHED SEVEN SUB-GROUPS
AND PLANS TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON TOR'S FOR THE SUB-GROUPS AT

THE NEXT MEETING. AT THE REQUEST OF THE US REP, THE ACTING CHAIRMAN AGREED TO PLACE TOP PRIORITY ON THE TOR FOR THE SUB-GROUP TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS, AND TO ALERT THE PRESENT SUB-GROUP CHAIRMAN THAT IF DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THE CNAD, THE SUB-GROUP'S FIRST AND MOST URGENT TASK WOULD BE TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDY PROPOSED BY SECDEF BROWN TO ACCELERATE INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. THE TSGCEE SCHEDULED ITS NEXT MEETING FOR 28-30 NOV 77 IN BRUSSELS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (TSGCEE) HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AT NATO HQ, BRUSSELS ON 28-29 JUNE 1977. PRINCIPAL MEMBERS ATTENDING WERE LTCOL GREINDL (BE), MR. E.J. BOBYN (CA), COL O. PATERSEN (DN), ING. ALBERGE (FR), MR. A.J. JANSSEN (FRG), LTCOL E.M.M. FRAGIOUDAKIS (GR), BRIG GEN J.N. GAARE (NO), LTCOL A.P. LEITAO (PO), COL M. DAYAR (TU), BRIG J.L. AKASS (UK), AND MESSRS. G.L. SALTON AND E.D. GREINKE (US). ALSO ATTENDING WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM SACLANT, SHAPE, CINCHAN NICSMA, STC, IS AND IMS. WE PROVIDE RESULTS AND COMMENTS FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM (REF A).

2. ITEM I. INTRODUCTION. MR. K. MUELLER, DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENTS AND DEFENSE RESEARCH, IS, PROVIDED OPENING REMARKS, WELCOMED MEMBERS, REVIEWED THE HISTORY LEADING TO THE CREATION OF THE TSGCEE AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE

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OF THE GROUP TO WORK FOR NATO COMMONALITY, INTEROPERABILITY AND MUTUAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. HE THEN TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO M.J. SPENCER, HEAD OF ELECTRONICS SECTION, DEFENSE SUPPORT DIVISION, IS, ACTING CHAIRMAN AND PERMANENT VICE CHAIRMAN.

3. ITEM II. OBJECTIVES OF THE FIRST MEETING. THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OUTLINED AS OBJECTIVES: TO REVIEW THE BODIES UNDER THE TSGCEE, REVIEW THE WORK ASSIGNED TO THE TSGCEE AND DETERMINE ADDITIONAL TASKS, AGREE ON TASKS TO PERFORM AND HOW TO ACCOMPLISH WORK, DETERMINE EXTENT THAT TRANSFERRED BODIES CAN DO THE WORK, SET UP NEW SUB-GROUPS, AND DETERMINE CONDUCT OF FUTURE TSGCEE BUSINESS.

4. ITEM III. TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) OF THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP. THE TSGCEE ACCEPTED THE TOR PROPOSED IN REF B, RECOGNIZING THAT EXPERIENCE MAY DICTATE CHANGES IN THE FUTURE.

5. ITEM IV. POSITION OF THE TSGCEE IN THE NATO COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. THE ACTING CHAIRMAN PRESENTED A RATHER COMPREHENSIVE BRIEF OF THE NATO ORGANIZATION STRESSING THOSE

ORGANIZATIONS, COMMITTEES, GROUPS, ETC. THAT WERE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE TSGCEE. FYI. THIS COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING IMPRESSED ALL ATTENDEES AND THE IS WILL PROVIDE COPIES TO ALL PRINCIPAL REPS. END FYI.

6. ITEM V. ELECTION OF THE FIRST CHAIRMAN. WHEN THE ACTING CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A CHAIRMAN, DENMARK SUGGESTED THE ACTING CHAIRMAN CONTINUE FOR 2 OR 3 MEETINGS TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH ALL THE ISSUES PRIOR TO SELECTING A NATIONAL CHAIRMAN. BELGIUM NOMINATED THE NETHERLANDS REP (DE BIE) CITING HIS EUROCOM CHAIRMANSHIP EXPERIENCE. THE UK SECONDED THE NOM-

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INATION AND GERMANY AND GREECE SUPPORTED DE BIE'S CANDIDACY. ITALY EXPRESSED ITS VIEW THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE MORE THAN A COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST. THE US, FRANCE, NORWAY, CANADA, ITALY AND TURKEY BACKED DENMARK'S SUGGESTION THAT THE ACTING CHAIRMAN (SPENCER) CONTINUE FOR ONE OR TWO MORE MEETINGS. AN ALTERNATE NETHERLANDS REP SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS PROCEDURALLY WRONG FOR THE IS TO CONTINUE UNLESS NO AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON A NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, AND HE REQUESTED A SHOW OF HANDS IN SUPPORT OF DE BIE. DE BIE HIMSELF SPOKE, EXPLAINING THE CHAIRMAN'S ROLE AS HE SAW IT.

MEMBERS AGREED TO INDICATE SUPPORT WITHOUT COMMITMENT. THE RESULT SHOWED THAT MOST SUPPORTED DE BIE; HOWEVER, THE GROUP AGREED THAT SPENCER SHOULD CONTINUE TO ACT AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND THAT THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN WOULD BE THE LAST AGENDA ITEM AT THE NEXT MEETING. COMMENT. IN OUR VIEW, DE BIE IS A COMPETENT CHAIRMAN, BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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HE IS TOTALLY DEVOTED TO EUROCOM. WE DOUBT HIS ABILITY, WILL NOTWITHSTANDING, TO LEAD THE TSGCEE IN DIRECTIONS AT ODDS TO EUROCOM POSITIONS. WE ALSO SHARE THE ITALIAN VIEW THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD HAVE BROADER INTERESTS THAN JUST COMMUNICATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, IT APPEARS THAT DE BIE WILL BECOME THE CHAIRMAN IF HE IS AGAIN NOMINATED. END COMMENT.

7. ITEM VI. REVIEW OF TOR'S AND ACTIVITIES OF BODIES TRANSFERRED TO THE TSGCEE. MEMBERS WERE PROVIDED COPIES OF THE TOR AND GIVEN REPORTS BY CHAIRMEN OF THE FIVE BODIES TRANSFERRED: NAAG TELECOMMUNICATIONS PANEL (AC/225 (PANEL VIII)) THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON NAVIGATION/POSITION FINDING AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS (AC/141(TSG/1)), NAFAG SUB-GROUP 5 ON IDENTIFICATION (AC/224(SG/5)), THE SPECIAL TASK GROUP ON THE FUTURE NATO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AC/259(IDENT)), AND THE AD HOC GROUP ON CHANNEL EVALUATION TECHNIQUES IN HF COMMUNICATIONS (AC/259(CET)). THE TSGCEE AGREED THAT THESE GROUPS SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR PRESENT WORK WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

8. ITEM VII. ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM OF WORK. A. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION THE TSGCEE ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING SUB-GROUPS:

- SG-1: TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS (AC/302-SG/1)
- SG-2: TACTICAL RADIO COMMUNICATIONS (AC/302-SG/2)
- SG-3: MULTI-FUNCTIONAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS (AC/302-SG/3)
- SG-4: NAVIGATION AND POSITION FINDING (AC/302-SG/4)
- SG-5: IDENTIFICATION (AC/302-SG/5)
- SG-6: FUTURE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS (AC/302-SG/6)
- SG-7: CHANNEL EVALUATION TECHNIQUES (AC/302-SG/7)

B. DURING DISCUSSION LEADING TO FORMATION OF THESE SUB-CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUPS, THE TSGCEE:

(1) DECLINED TO FORM A SUB-GROUP ON CRYPTO, RECOGNIZING THAT MOST OF THE OTHER SUB-GROUPS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH

CRYPTO AS IT AFFECTS THEIR PARTICULAR AREAS OF WORK.

(2) DECIDED THAT ALL SUB-GROUPS SHOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE MAIN GROUP, WITHOUT GOING THROUGH AN INTERVENING LAYER (E.G., A "COMMUNICATIONS" SUB-GROUP OVERSEEING WORK OF SUB-SUB-GROUPS DEVOTED TO TACTICAL AREA SYSTEMS AND TACTICAL RADIO).

(3) DECIDED NOT TO MERGE SUB-GROUPS 5 AND 6 INTO A SINGLE SUB-GROUP, RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF THESE TWO GROUPS.

C. THE ACTING CHAIRMAN AGREED TO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE DRAFT TOR'S FOR THE SEVEN SUB-GROUPS. HE WILL SEEK COMMENTS FROM THE NATIONS AND WILL SEEK AGREEMENT ON THE TOR'S AT THE NEXT MEETING. ITALY URGED THAT PARA 1 OF EACH TOR, "MISSION", STRESS THE TRI-SERVICE NATURE OF WORK.

D. THE US REP SUGGESTED THAT AN URGENT TASK FOR SG-1 IS TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDY PROPOSED BY SECDEF BROWN TO FIND WAYS TO ACCELERATE INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. HE REFERRED TO THE US STATEMENT PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED (REF C APPLIES) AND REITERATED THE US CONCERNS AND WILLINGNESS TO MAKE ADAPTATIONS IF THE ALLIES DO LIKEWISE. HE EXPRESSED THE CONCERN THAT THIS TASK COULD BE DELAYED UNNECESSARILY WHILE TOR'S ARE BEING PREPARED. THE ACTING CHAIRMAN STATED THAT HE WOULD PLACE TOP PRIORITY ON PREPARING THE TOR FOR SG-1. FURTHER, SPENCER STATED THAT HE WOULD INFORM THE SG-1 CHAIRMAN (I.E., THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSFERRED AC-225, PANEL VIII) OF THIS IMPENDING TASK. FYI. THE TSGCEE IN PLENARY SESSION DID NOT DISCUSS THIS SECDEF PROPOSAL AT LENGTH. THE ALLIES MOST AF-

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FECTED BY THIS PROPOSAL EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS AT THE SEPARATE MULTILATERAL MEETING HELD OUTSIDE THE TSGCEE PLenary. (SEE REF D). END FYI. THE TSGCEE AS A BODY ACCEPTED THAT IT MUST RECEIVE FORMAL TASKING TO UNDERTAKE THIS STUDY TO THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION. THE UK REP (AKASS) PERSISTED THAT THE PROPER SITUATION IS THAT THE TSGCEE WILL UNDERTAKE THE STUDY "WHEN TASKED BY THE CNAD AND DIRECTED BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES TO DO THE STUDY."

9. THE ACTING CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED A NUMBER OF CNAD AND NATO PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS. HE PROPOSED OPERATING PROCEDURES WHICH THE TSGCEE ACCEPTED. AMONG THESE, THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE RECORD OF THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE ISSUED AS AN EXPANDED DECISION SHEET; IF ACCEPTABLE TO THE GROUP, THIS FORM WILL BECOME THE PERMANENT FORM OF THE RECORD OF MEETINGS. FYI. EXPANDED DECISION SHEETS RECONFIDENTIAL

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CORD THE DECISIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE GROUP, AND THEY INCLUDE COPIES OF STATEMENTS PRESENTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD. END FYI.

10. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING. THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OFFERED TO PREPARE AN AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING, AND URGED MEMBERS TO INFORM HIM OF THEIR DESIRED ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

11. ITEM X. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 28-30 NOV 77 AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, BRUSSELS. SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 20-22 JUNE 78 AND 5-7 DEC 78. THE GROUP RECOGNIZED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING MAY BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE STUDY ON INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. BENNETT

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